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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants respectfully bring the following documents cited in the Chinese Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the first page of the listed U.S. Patent is provided. Further, it is noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,317,462 B1 is the U.S. equivalent of Japan Patent Application Publication No. 2000-134619, respectively. Further, English-language Abstracts are attached to the references.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which Applicants are aware.

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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